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Meeting of the Signatories to the
Convention on Access to Information,
Public Participation in Decision-making and
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms
(Second meeting, Geneva, 18 – 20 February 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 February 2001

1. Adoption of the agenda (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/1).
2. Preparation of guidelines on public participation in decision-making on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/3).
3. Preparation of a draft decision for the Meeting of the Parties (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/4).
4. Any other business.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The second meeting of the Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) will take place on 18-20 February 2002. The Working Group is invited to take into account the conclusions of the first meeting of the Working Group for the preparation of the first meeting of the Parties (CEP/WG.5/2001/2, paras. 32-33) with respect to the focus of its work.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 2. Preparation of guidelines on public participation in decision-making on GMOs

As requested by the Working Group at its first meeting (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2001/2, para. 33), draft guidelines on GMOs have been prepared by the Bureau, taking into account the elements proposed by the Working Group at its first meeting (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2001/2, annex) and any comments and practical examples submitted by delegations. The Working Group is expected to use the draft guidelines (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/3) as a basis for discussion.

Item 3. Preparation of a draft decision for the Meeting of the Parties

The Working Group will continue its work on the preparation of a draft decision for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties. Following the request by the Working Group at its first meeting (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2001/2, paras. 32 and 34), the secretariat has prepared elements for the draft decision, including text for a possible amendment to the Convention (CEP/WG.5/AC.3/2002/4).

Item 4. Any other business

Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.